GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri P. Ramachandra Raju, FRO(Retd) formerly Kasibugga Range of Srikakulam Division – Imposing penalty of "5% cut in pension permanently", without any recovery - Show-Cause-Notice Issued – Explanation received – Final Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 54 Dated: 30-05-2016

Read the following:

1. From the PCCF, Rc. No. 23861/96-K1, dt. 2.5.2002.
2. G.M. No. 4557/For.IV/2002-1, dt. 26.08.2002.
3. Govt. Memo.No.4557/For.IV/2002, Dt.16.12.2004.
4. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 96/RT-I/2/2005, dt. 6.4.2005.
5. Govt. Memo. No.4557/For.IV/02-3, dt. 27.02.2006
6. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 23861/1996/K1, dt. 21.06.2006.
7. Govt. Memo. No. 4557/For.IV/2002, dt.31.07.2007.
8. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 23861/1996/K1, dt. 15.7.2013.
9. Govt. Lr. No. 4557/For.IV/2002, dt.24.03.2016
10. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 272/DC&C/2/2016, dt. 02.05.2016.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that, an Article of Charge was issued to Sri P.Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer vide principle Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No.23861/96-K1,dated 4-9-2000 on the following counts:

1. Neglect of duty allowing illict felling in 1986 Bandalkonda 30 ha. Eucalyptus Plantation loss of 3164 trees valued of Rs. 1,42,175-00.

2. Disobedience of instructions of superiors for not enumerating the illicit fellings.

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Articles of Charge on 6-9-2000 and did not submit any explanation against the Article of Charge. After examining the case, the conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer, Srikakulam were appointed as Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively for conducting a regular enquiry and for submission of findings.

3. The Conservator of Forests, has issued several notices to the Charged officer for attending the enquiry and the Charged Officer has failed to Attend the enquiry. However, the Conservator of Forests, has conducted exparte enquiry under Sub-Rule (20) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service(CCA) Rules, and submitted his findings . As per the findings, the Charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved beyond any doubt.

4 A final notice was issued while enclosing a copy of findings to Sri P.Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer, (Retired). The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation dated 22-12-2001 against the final notice.

5. The matter has been examined with reference to connected records it is found that the charged officer is responsible for illicit felling of 3164 Eucalyptus trees in Srikakulam Division in the year 1994 and the value of loss sustained by Government is assessed at Rs.1,42,175/-.

6. The Inquiry Officer had held that the (2) charges framed against Sri P.Ramachandra Raju, Forest Range Officer (Retired) as proved.

7. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2001. Hence the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

8. After careful examination of the matter it was provisionally decided to impose a cut of 5% (Five) in pension on permanent basis under Rule 9(2) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Accordingly, a show cause notice was issued to Sri P. Ramachandra Raju, FRO(Retd) vide reference 2nd read above. The Charged Officer has not submitted any explanation to the Show Cause Notice.

9. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose "5% cut in pension permanently", without any recovery against Sri P. Ramachandra Raju, FRO(Retd), formerly Kasibugga Range of Srikakulam Division, under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.255/DC&C/2/2016, dt.06.05.2016).

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SECTION OFFICER